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SUBJECT: PENDING U.S. BAN ON USE OF SACCHARIN IN  
FOOD AND BEVERAGES

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1. USE OF SACCHARIN IS PERMITTED IN UK BY ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS IN FOOD REGULATIONS OF 1969. SACCHARIN IS THE ONLY ARTIFICIAL SWEETENER AUTHORIZED FOR USE UNDER THESE REGULATIONS. IT IS USED SPECIFICALLY BY DIABETICS AND MORE WIDELY IN MANUFACTURE OF DIET SWEETENERS AND SOFT DRINKS. ONLY RESTRICTIONS ON ITS USE ARE ON LEVELS PERMITTED IN LATTER AND PROHIBITION OF USE IN ICE CREAM.

2. PRESENT UK GOVERNMENT POLICY ON USE OF SACCHARIN WAS SET OUT IN WRITTEN REPLY TO THREE PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS BY MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD JOHN SILKIN ON MARCH 18. HE WROTE, "FOLLOWING RECENT RESEARCH IN CANADA, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY PROPOSE TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF SACCHARIN. ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ME, I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD FOLLOW SUIT. BUT THE DATA AND RESULTS OF THIS RESEARCH WILL  
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NOW BE EXAMINED BY OUR EXPERT COMMITTEES, AND I SHALL ONLY DECIDE WHETHER FURTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY WHEN I HAVE THEIR ADVICE."

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF U.S. INTENTION TO BAN SACCHARIN RECEIVED WIDESPREAD MEDIA COVERAGE IN UK. GENERAL REACTION COULD BEST BE DESCRIBED AS DERISORY. PUBLIC AND

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION HASTILY PUT TOGETHER PANEL SHOWS WHICH CONCLUDED THAT DECISION WAS AT BEST ILL-ADVISED AND AT WORST POSSIBLY DETRIMENTAL TO HEALTH OF DIABETICS AND SUFFERERS FROM OBESITY. THESE VIEWS WERE CONFIRMED BY NUMEROUS PRESS INTERVIEWS WITH LEADING BRITISH NUTRITIONISTS.

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